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> The post-transcriptional regulator Rex of the human T-cell leukemia virus type I is present as nucleolar speckles in infected cells. Nosaka T, et al. **Exp Cell Res** 1995 Jul;219(1):122-9

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> **Saint S, Bent S, Vittinghoff E, Grady D.** Antibiotics in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbations. A meta-analysis. JAMA 1995 Mar 22-29;273(12):957-60

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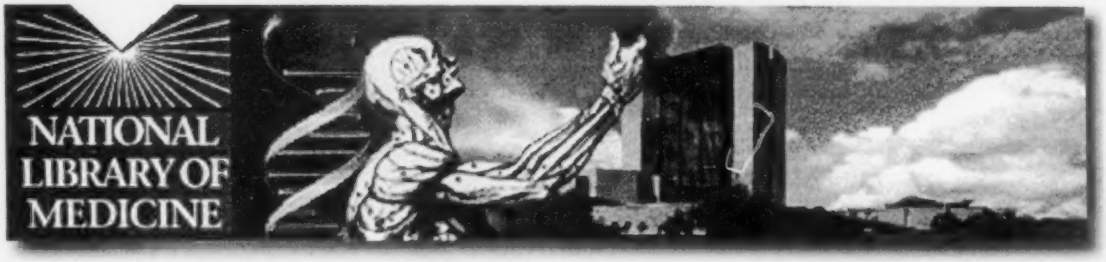

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